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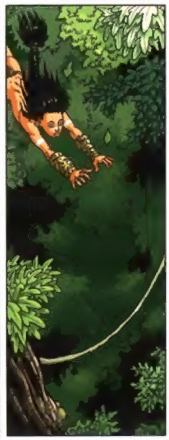
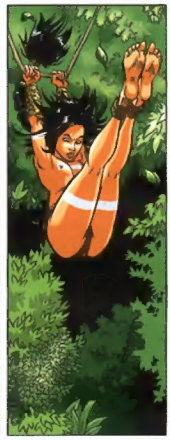
WAKE

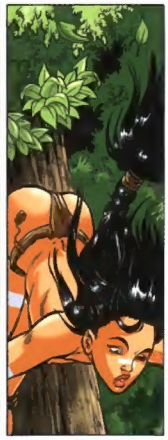
1. TO FIRE AND ASHES

DELCOURT

A SWARM OF FLYING ANIMALS APPROACHING. I AM LOWERING THE FORCE FIELD.
GRID SECTOR A - 27, WATCHER 329 REPORTING. NO SIGN OF INTELLIGENT LIFE. I AM CONTINUING MY SURVEY.
SORRY, FLYER... I NEED YOUR FLESH TO SURVIVE!
CRRRR







OOF!

POUKRAH! THAT WAS THE LIMIT!

RUZK
RHHHH
BOOM

HOUYO?!... HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT...
SMELL... DANGER!

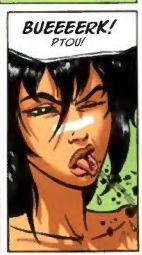
AH, WELL... IT WAS REALLY HOT! IT BURNED UP!!
BEWARE NAITS!!
DON'T BE AFRAID. IT CAN'T HURT US NOW.

THANKS, MY BIG BEAUTY... YOU SAVED ME ONCE AGAIN!

STRANGE LITTLE BEAST... I KNOW THE JUNGLE WELL, AND I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY LIKE THIS BEFORE!

I HOPE IT TASTES GOOD, AT LEAST? I'M ALWAYS HUNGRY.

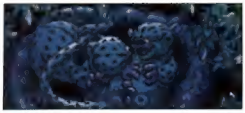
HMMM...

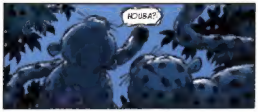

BUEEEERK!
PTOU!

THIS IS EVEN STRANGER! HIS SHELL. I THOUGHT MY DEN WAS SMALL... IT'S NOT ROCK, OR WOOD...
SNIF

IT'S NOT VERY SOLID EITHER... ONE LAUNCHER HIT, AND HUP... IT'S ON THE GROUND!
KRAK

ENOUGH!... LET'S GO CATCH SOME RUNNERS. STUFFED WITH BERRIES, THEY'RE DELICIOUS!

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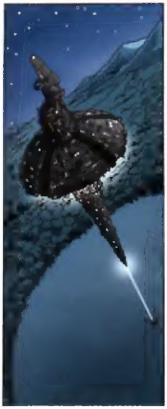
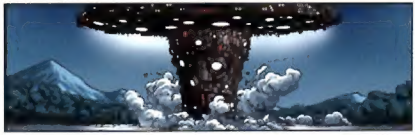
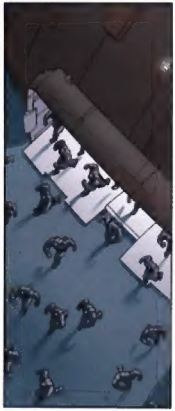
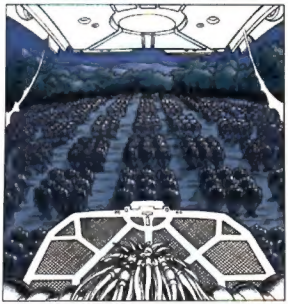
MOUBA!







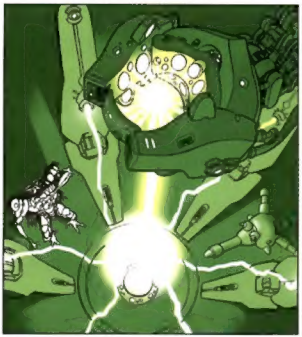


IN THE NAME OF THE HOTARD PEOPLE I CLAIM THIS VIRGIN PLANET.

HA! HA! HA! HA!
DELIVERANCE FINALLY...
MADJESTIC?
MADJESTIC, THEY ARE WAITING.
ARG!
THE MISROLEMS!
WHAT? DON'T THOSE DOLTS KNOW WHAT THEIR JOBS ARE WITHOUT COUNTING ON THEIR FINGERS?
YOU SIMPLY HAVE TO GIVE THE ORDER FOR THEM TO WORK. THEY ARE INCAPABLE OF INDEPENDANT THOUGHT!
BREAK RANKS!! TO WORK!
NOW FOLLOW ME, SNIVEL!
ALL THAT YOU DESIRE, MADJESTIC!
WACK!!
WE HAVE TO SUPERVISE THE SHUTTLE'S PLACEMENT!

WELL?!
ALL IS IN PHASE. WE ARE WAITING FOR YOUR ORDER.

IN THAT CASE, IT'S USELESS TO WAIT ANY LONGER! EXECUTE!

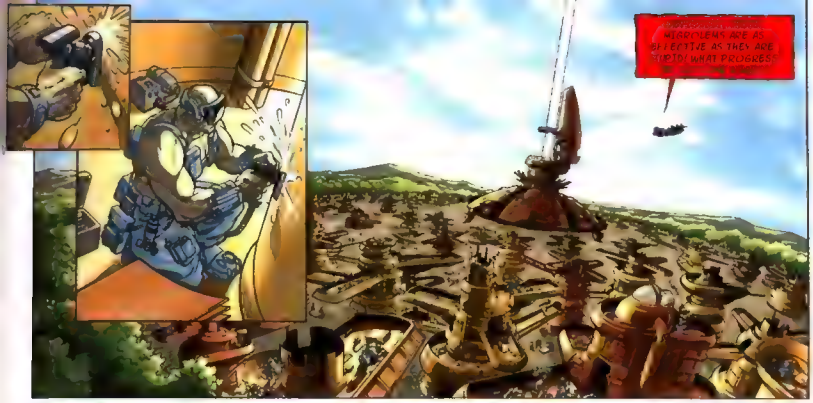


IT IS TIME TO TAKE A LITTLE REST, MAJESTIC!
TOMORROW, OUR MISSION SHOULD PROVE SUCCESSFUL!

AH YES... THE WATCHER WHO DISAPPEARED. I FORGOT ABOUT HIM.

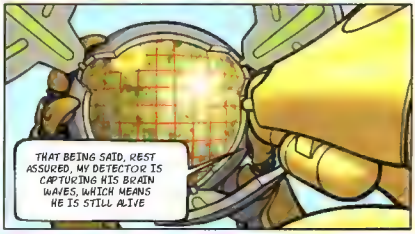
ANYWAY, I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO DO WITHOUT LOOKING FOR WAKE'S WATCHER!
HAVE MY LARGE SHADY SQUADS!

MMMH.
?
RGRUMPHF_
NIGHTMARE_

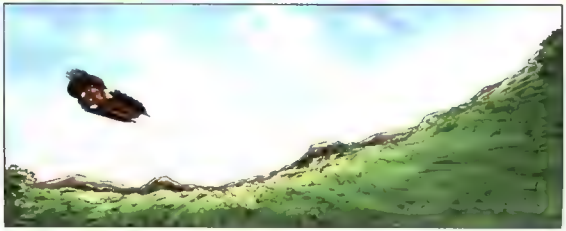

MICROLEMS ARE AS EFFECTIVE AS THEY ARE RIDIC! WHAT PROGRESS?

TELL ME, SNIVEL, IT'S OBLIGATORY FOR ME TO SUPERVISE BORING RESCUE MISSION?
RESPECTFULLY MADJESTIC, THIS MISSION IS OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY!

FOR WAKE, THE WATCHERS ARE VITAL! THEY ARE FEW IN NUMBER, AND THEY REPRODUCE VERY SLOWLY


THAT BEING SAID, REST ASSURED, MY DETECTOR IS CAPTURING HIS BRAIN WAVES, WHICH MEANS HE IS STILL ALIVE

BUT, BEING IT, WE DON'T NEED TO BE PROWLING AROUND IN THIS DAMNED JUNGLE WHEN WE WHOLE DESERTING



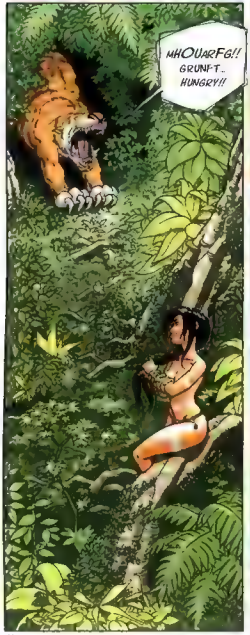
MMMH!

WAAAAA

IT'S REALLY HOT THIS MORNING!

UH OH!

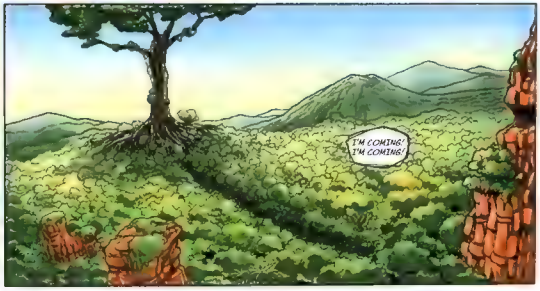
STRANGE! IT'S NOT THE TIME FOR THE YELLOW SEASON!


WHOUARFG!! GRUNT.. HUNGRY!!

YOU! WHEN YOU'RE NOT SLEEPING, YOU ARE THINKING OF YOUR BELLY!
NÁVIS NOT AWAKE? HMM..

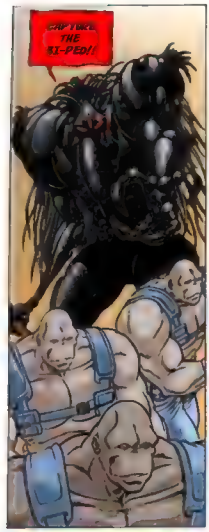
WELL... UH.. YES, I AM!

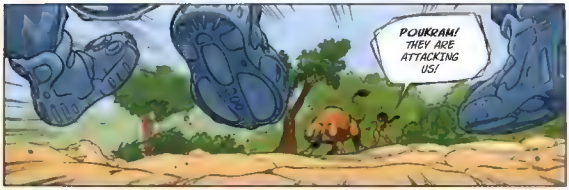
SOMETIMES I FEEL THAT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO MORE..
TALK DONE! NÁVIS FISH FOR HOUGO!

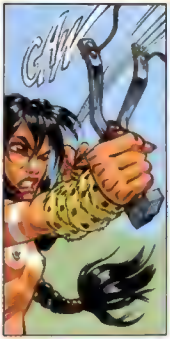

I'M COMING! I'M COMING!

SPLOTSH!
GOT IT!
THE WATCHER'S SIGNAL IS COMING FROM THE FOOT OF THE THIRD WATERFALL, MAJESTIC
WHAT'S GOOD, MY PATIENCE IS WEARING THIN
IF YOU ASK ME, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A TREAT!
SURP!
GROMF!!
HA! HA! I SEE THAT YOU STILL HATE TO GET WET!
DO YOU SEE THAT?

NOT AGAIN!.. THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT!
BEEP!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? HAVE YOU FOUND IT?
YES.. WELL, MAYBE.. NO.. I.. I.. DON'T KNOW. EXACTLY LOOK FOR YOURSELF!
NEITHER IN THOSE RIDICULOUS CARGON UNITS LOOK LIKE A WATCHER.
FIRST OF ALL, WE GET THE BEAST!
YET, THE BIPED IS STRICT! THE SIGNAL COMES FROM IT WHAT DO WE DO?
ENOUGH TIME TO LOOK! WE WILL SOLVE OUT THIS MYSTERY AT THE BASE CAMP. DESCEND AND ATTACK THEM
HEY! DON'T TOUCH.. THAT'S BAD!
GRRRRR!
IS THAT YOUR BELLY DOING SO MUCH GROWLING?
LOOK BEHIND, NAVIS!
GRR!
HMM..?! STRANGE GROUP!

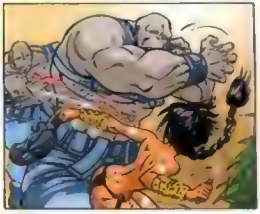

CAPTURE THE BI-PED!!

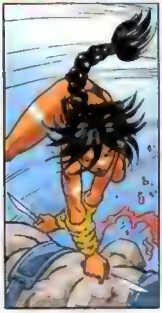

POUKRAM! THEY ARE ATTACKING US!

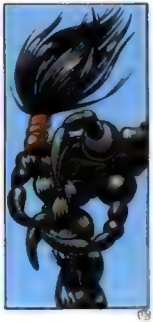

GRR

TOK!

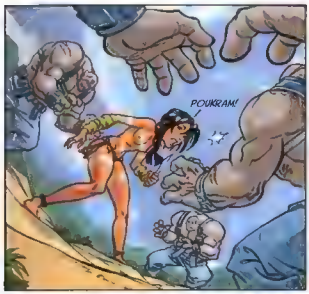
YOU WILL NOT EAT US!







I HAVE TO DO IT MYSELF!
AHRR!!!
LE... LET GO OF ME!!
GRR ?
STOP, YOU STUPID ALIEN! YOU CAN NOT ESCAPE ME!
UNGH!
KRAK
HOYOU, LET THAT BLACK BUG GO!
COME DOWN!
FLEE, NAVIS! HOUYO MEET YOU LATER!
BUT, YOU...
YOU FLEE!!!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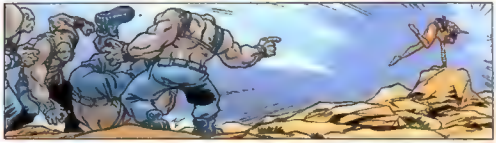
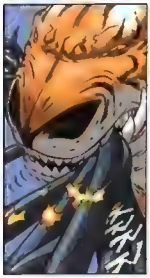


SHIT!
HELP ME! YOU PILE OF JUNK!
MEANING NO OFFENSE, MADJESTIC, BUT MY SYSTEM IS NOT PROGRAMED FOR PUGILISTICS



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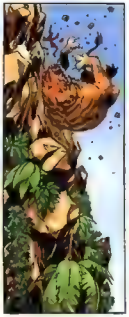

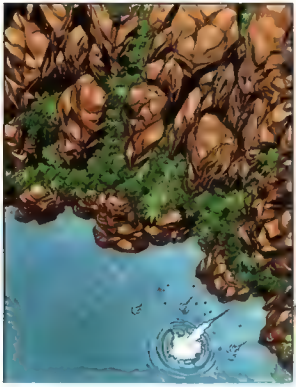

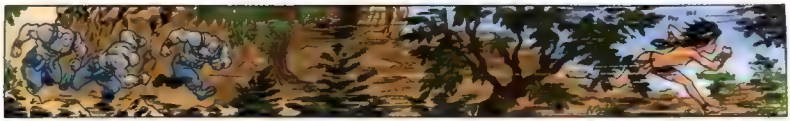

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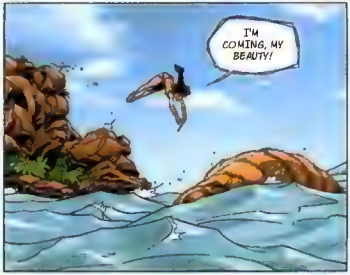
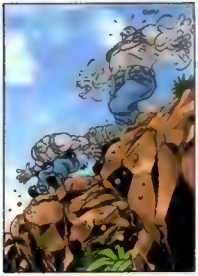
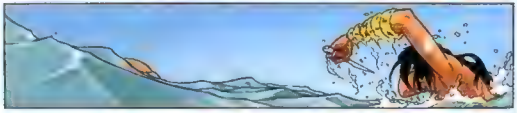
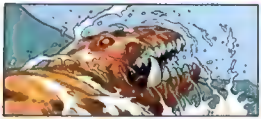

I'M COMING, MY BEAUTY!

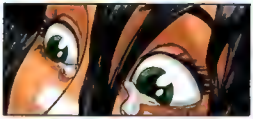


WE NOT KNOW HOW TO SWIM.. WHAT DO?
BEUH..

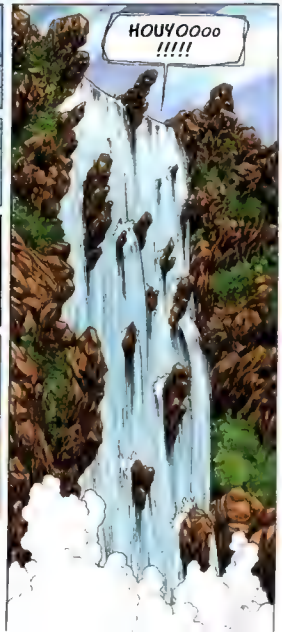


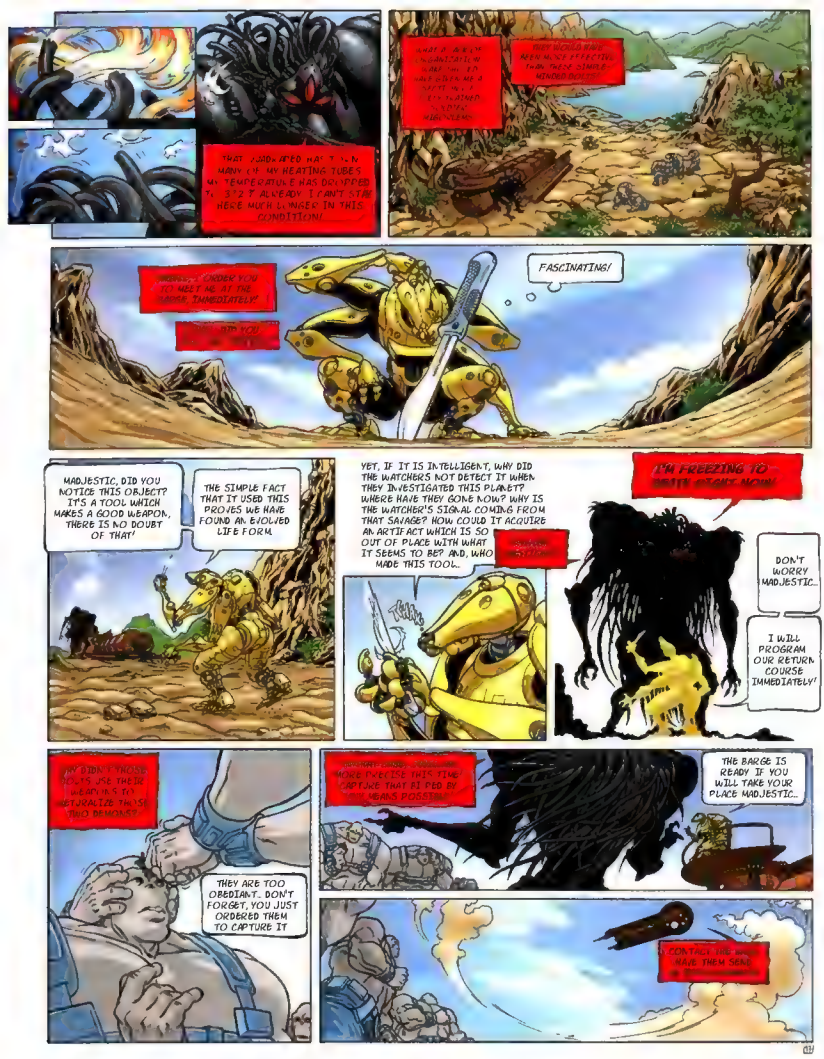
I HAVE YOU!
YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO GET YOUR HAIR WET!

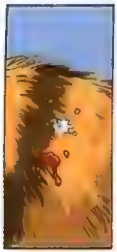


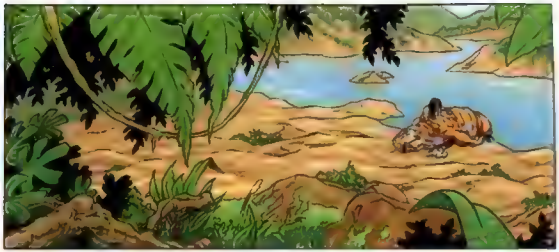


YOU CAN'T BE.. IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!


HOUYOOOo !!!!!


THAT SOUNDED HOT ON MANY OF MY HEATING TUBES MY TEMPERATURE HAS DROPPED TO 332°! ALREADY I CAN'T STAY HERE MUCH LONGER IN THIS CONDITION!
THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THESE SIMPLE-WINDED DEVICES!
FASCINATING!
MADJESTIC, DID YOU NOTICE THIS OBJECT? IT'S A TOOL WHICH MAKES A GOOD WEAPON, THERE IS NO DOUBT OF THAT!
THE SIMPLE FACT THAT IT USED THIS PROVES WE HAVE FOUND AN EVOLVED LIFE FORM
YET, IF IT IS INTELLIGENT, WHY DID THE WATCHERS NOT DETECT IT WHEN THEY INVESTIGATED THIS PLANET? WHERE HAVE THEY GONE NOW? WHY IS THE WATCHER'S SIGNAL COMING FROM THAT SAVAGE? HOW COULD IT ACQUIRE AN ARTIFACT WHICH IS SO OUT OF PLACE WITH WHAT IT SEEMS TO BE? AND, WHO MADE THIS TOOL...
I'M FREEZING TO DEATH RIGHT NOW!
DON'T WORRY MADJESTIC...
I WILL PROGRAM OUR RETURN COURSE IMMEDIATELY!
WHY DIDN'T THOSE TWO USE THEIR WEAPONS TO NEUTRALIZE THOSE TWO DEMONS?
THEY ARE TOO OBEDIANT. DON'T FORGET, YOU JUST ORDERED THEM TO CAPTURE IT
MORE PRECISE THIS TIME! CAPTURE THAT BEIGED BY ANY MEANS POSSIBLE!
THE BARGE IS READY IF YOU WILL TAKE YOUR PLACE MADJESTIC...
CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH THEM SEND





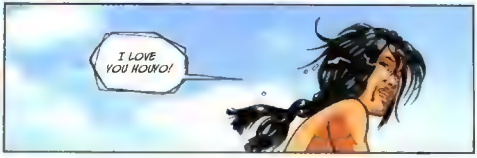
THANK YOU, MY BEAUTY! EVEN DEAD YOU MANAGED TO SAVE ME AGAIN!

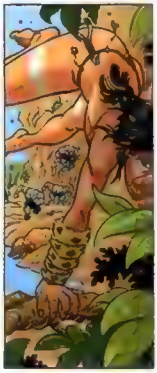
NOOOOO!!!

LOOK!

THEM!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITHOUT YOU?...


I LOVE YOU HOUKO!

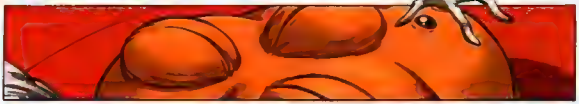


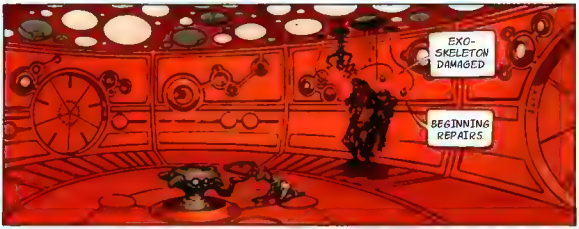
BZZZ...KA!

ARRRRRRRR!
DUH!
DUH!

KI!KA!
SSSSS

WARMTH
FINALLY!




EXO-
SKELETON
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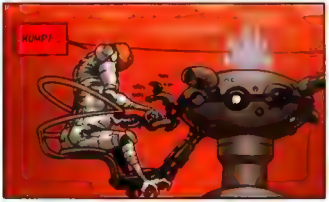
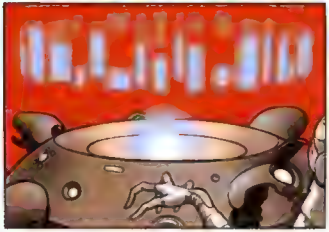
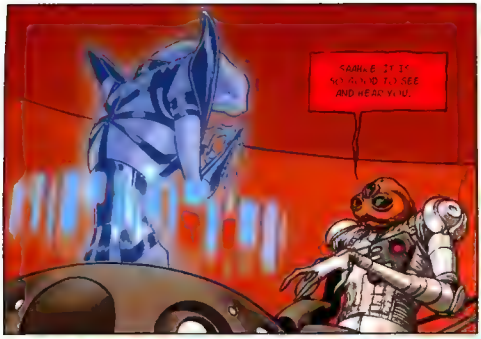

KUMP!

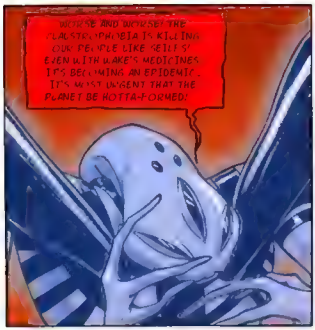


HEIGHO?
IT'S
YOU MY
LOVE?

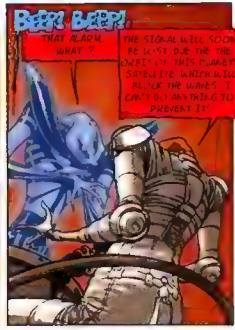

SAAHKE. IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE AND HEAR YOU.

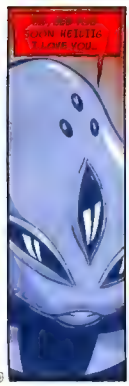
YOU DON'T SEEM OVERJOYED. WHAT IS THE MATTER? THE TITLE OF MAJESTIC IS TO HEAVY A BURDEN? DOES WORK NOT PROGRESS QUICKLY ENOUGH?
NOTHING SEKI. I'LL DO. NOT WORRY. I'M JUST A BIT TIRED..

AND IN THE CONVOY?


WORSE AND WORSE! THE CLAUSTROPHOBIA IS KILLING OUR PEOPLE LIKE SEKI'S. EVEN WITH WAKE'S MEDICINES. IT'S BECOMING AN EPIDEMIC. IT'S MOST URGENT THAT THE PLANET BE ROTTA-FORMED!

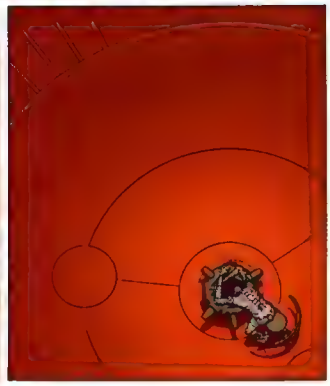
BE PERSUADED THAT I AM DOING ALL I CAN AND THAT NOTHING WILL "STOP ME".
I AM SOLELY PERSUADED, MY


BEEP! BEEP!
THAT ALARM. WHAT ?
THE SIGNAL WILL SOON BE LOST DUE THE THE ORBIT OF THIS PLANET'S SATELLITE WHICH WILL BLOCK THE WAVES. I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO PREVENT IT!


SOON SEKI'LL I LOVE YOU..

ME TOO SAAHKE

ME TOO.



I SEE HER! SHE'S RUNNING TO THE BIG TREE!

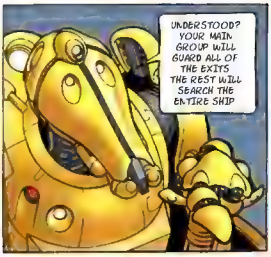
AHRGGHH!

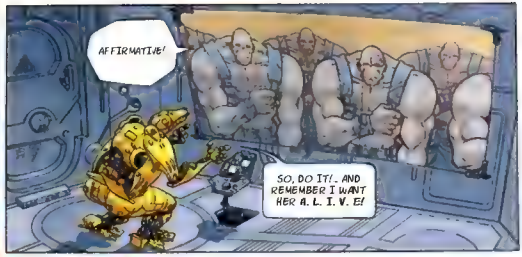
THEY'VE STINGING!
OW!!
OUCH!

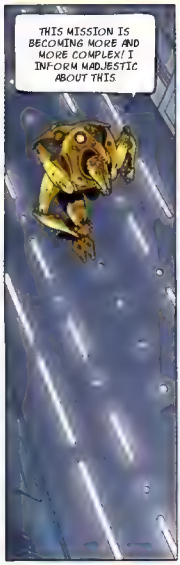
MY DEN! I'M THERE!

SHE WENT IN THERE!

WELL... WHAT'S THIS HERE?..


UNDERSTOOD? YOUR MAIN GROUP WILL GUARD ALL OF THE EXITS THE REST WILL SEARCH THE ENTIRE SHIP

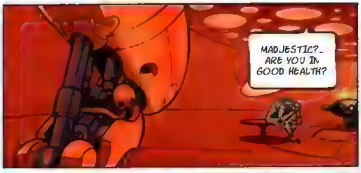

AFFIRMATIVE!
SO, DO IT!.. AND REMEMBER I WANT HER A. L. I. V. E!


THIS MISSION IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE COMPLEX! I INFORM MADJESTIC ABOUT THIS

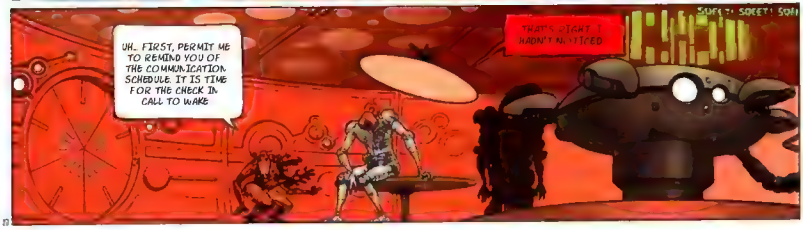
WARNING! YOU ARE ENTERING A HIGH TEMPERATURE ZONE!

ENSURE THAT YOU CAN TOLERATE THE HEAT IN THIS ZONE

MADJESTIC, YOU NEVER WOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT THE MIGROLEMS UNDER STOOD THE LAST ORDERS I GAVE THEM!


MADJESTIC?.. ARE YOU IN GOOD HEALTH?

DON'T YOU SEE THAT? WHY DO YOU DISTURB ME

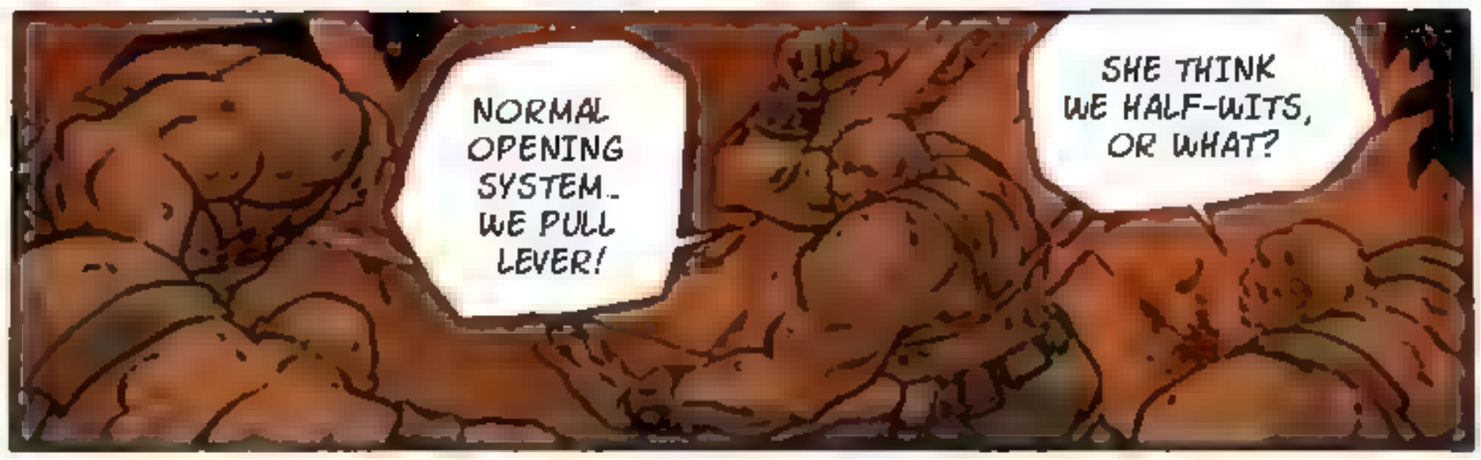

UH.. FIRST, PERMIT ME TO REMIND YOU OF THE COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE. IT IS TIME FOR THE CHECK IN CALL TO WAKE
THAT'S RIGHT I HADN'T NOTICED
SQEET! SQEET! SQE

BEFORE I ANSWER TELL ME WHAT OUR FIELD INFO HAS DISCOVERED
AH WELL, APPARENTLY OUR LITTLE CREATURE LIVES IN THE WRECK OF AN INTERSTELLAR SPACE VESSEL.
MMM THEN IT MUST BE A CASTAWAY
EXACTLY, AND FROM THE LITTLE THAT I'VE SEEN, IT'S VESSEL'S TECHNOLOGY IS UNKNOWN OBVIOUSLY, IT'S THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF A SHIPWRECK
WHAT AN EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY!
EXO SKELETON OPERATIONAL
WE HAVE IN OUR HANDS A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN INTELLIGENT RACE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM OURS! OUR NAMES WILL GO DOWN IN THE HISTORY BOOKS!
I HAVE ANALYZED THIS SITUATION CAREFULLY. THIS IS WHAT WE MUST DO FIRST, WE HAVE TO STOP THE SHUTTLE, BEFORE ANY MORE DAMAGE IS DONE
NEXT, SOME OF US HAVE TO CAPTURE THE LITTLE ALIEN. WE CAN START EXHUMING AND ANALIZING THE STRUCTURE OF THE VESSEL
I AM VERY EXCITED BY THE CHANCE OF DISCOVERING SOMETHING UNKNOWN TO US! IT'S TIME FOR US TO INFORM WAKE OF THIS NOW, ISN'T IT?
THAT IS ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT IT
! SQEET ! SQEET !

IMPRESSIVE! I CAN SEE THAT YOU HAVE PLANNED ALL OF THIS CAREFULLY
WE MUST SENT THIS DATA TO WAKE NOW!
ACTUALLY NOTHING COULD BE MORE SIMPLE BUT THEN I WOULD HAVE TO WAIT TO SEND THAT MESSAGE.
BZZZT
BUT...
KLRK
...YOU HAVE SHUT OFF THE TRANSMITTER!
THAT IS A FACT I'LL TELL THEM THE TRANSMISSION WAS INTERRUPTED BY THE HARMONIC INTERFERENCE FROM THE SHUTTLE NO ONE WILL DARE DOUBT MY WORD
AS FOR ME, MADJESTIC. I HAVE NO NEED TO SAY THAT I FIND YOUR ATTITUDE A TERRIBLE DISAPPOINTMENT WITHHOLDING SUCH VITAL INFORMATION COULD BE CONSIDERED A GRAVE ACT OF TREASON!
I WILL PUT THIS ACT DOWN TO YOUR FATIGUE PLEASE, LET ME PASS, I WILL RE-ESTABLISH THE CONTACT
TRULY UNFORTUNATE FOR YOU THAT YOU HAVE NO COMBAT PROGRAMMING
PLEASE...
WHAT?!... NOO!! GRZZZT...

IT'S A REAL MAZE IN HERE!
KLEIK
...
WACK!
IT TOOK ME DAYS TO LEARN HOW TO OPEN THE WALLS! YOU WON'T GET IN HERE SO EASILY!

TIP!
SKRITTT

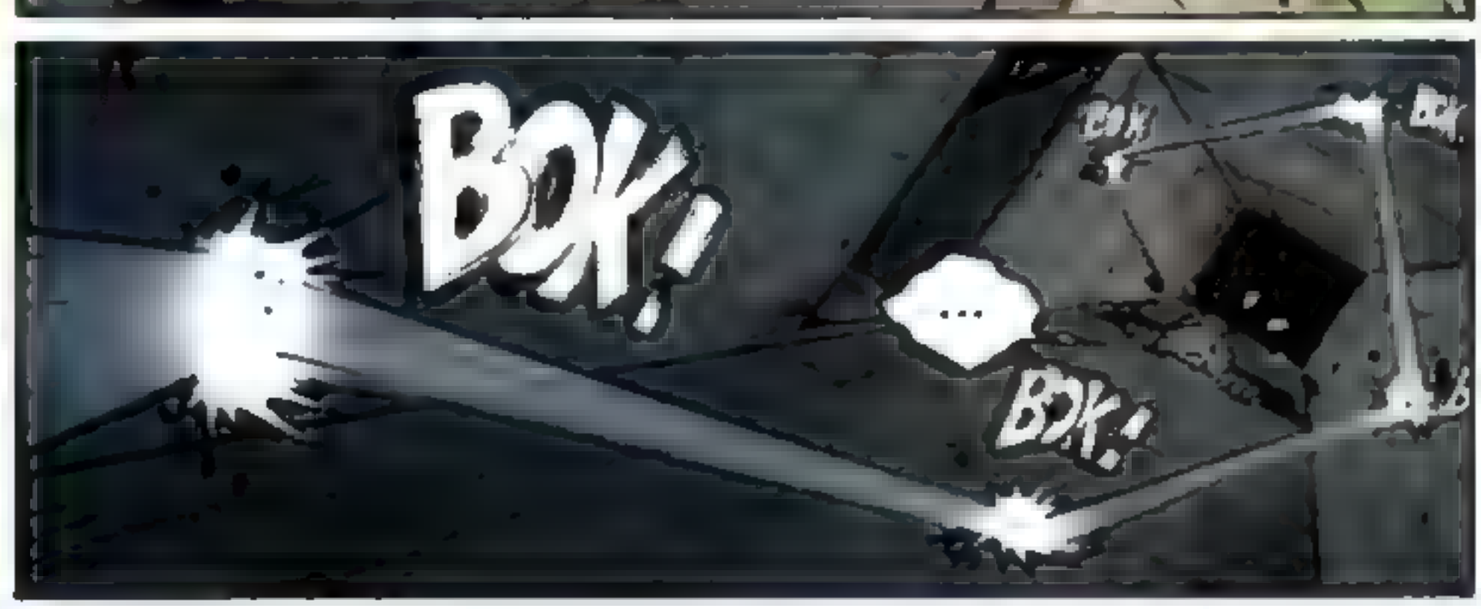

NORMAL OPENING SYSTEM.. WE PULL LEVER!
SHE THINK WE HALF-WITS, OR WHAT?

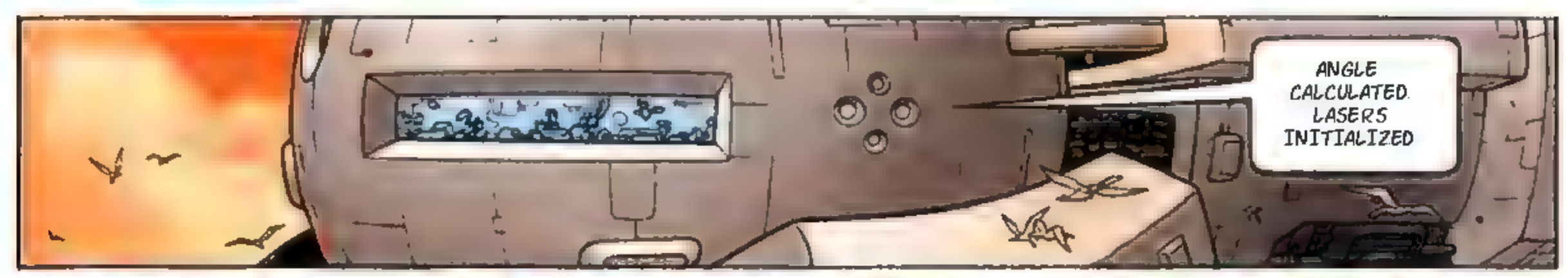
KLEEK!

POUKRAM!!
WE HAVE HER!!

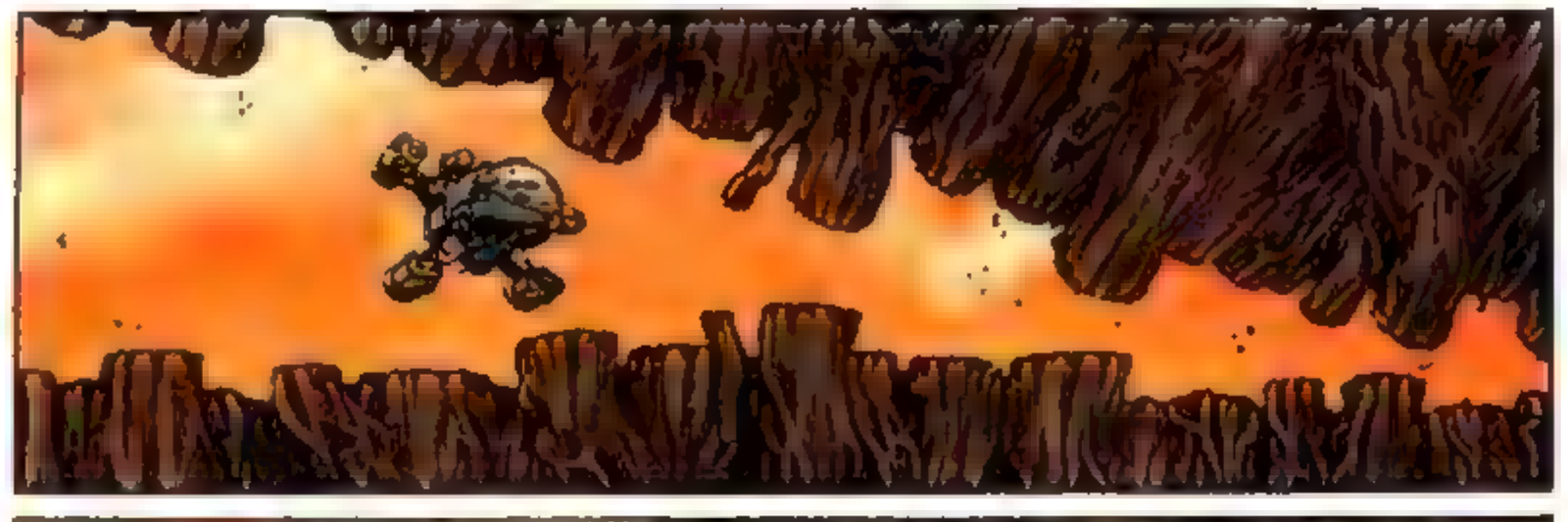
LIFT ME UP.. I FOLLOW HER!

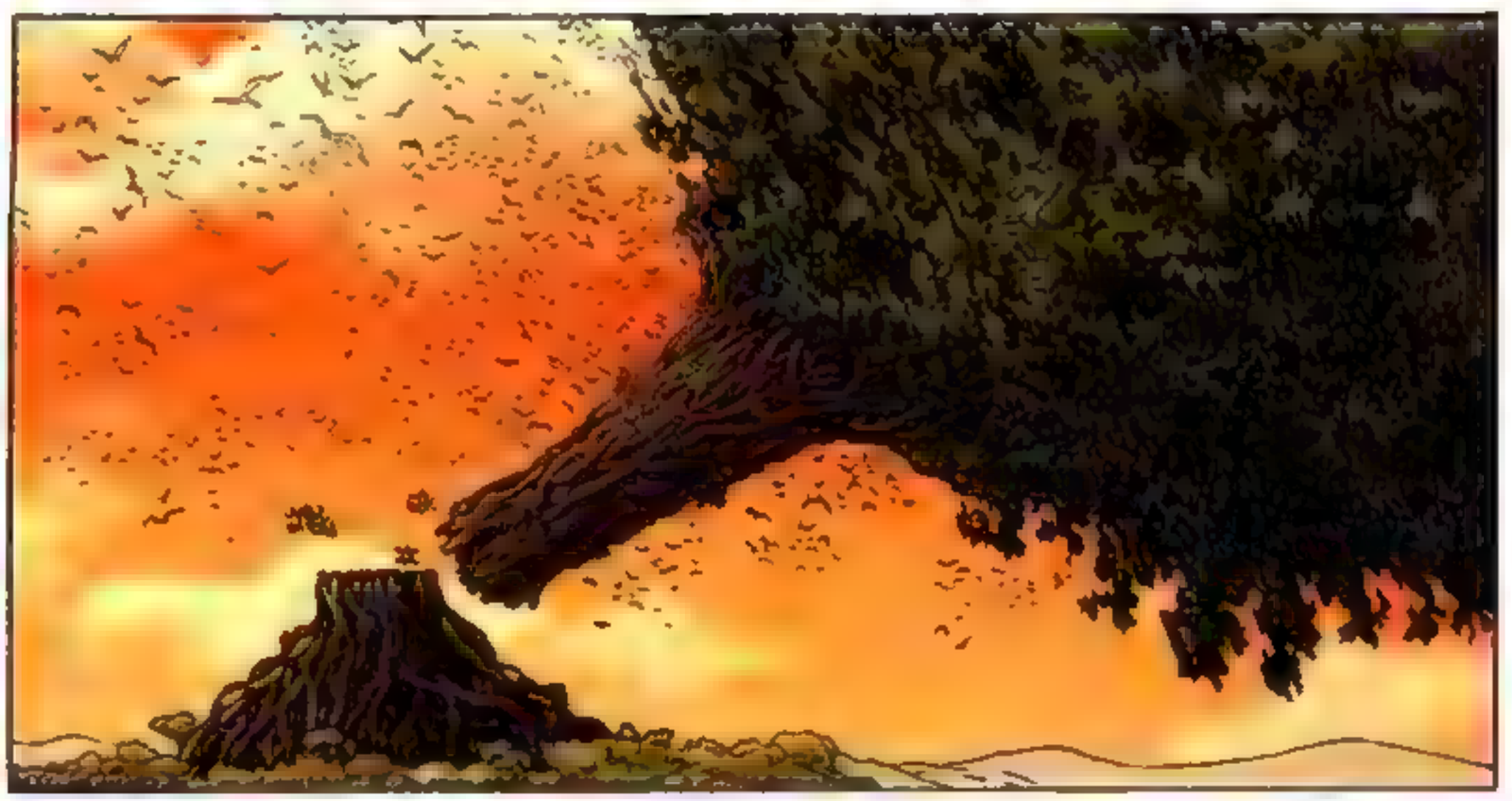
YOU'LL ALL PAY! AND, YOU WILL BE THE FIRST!

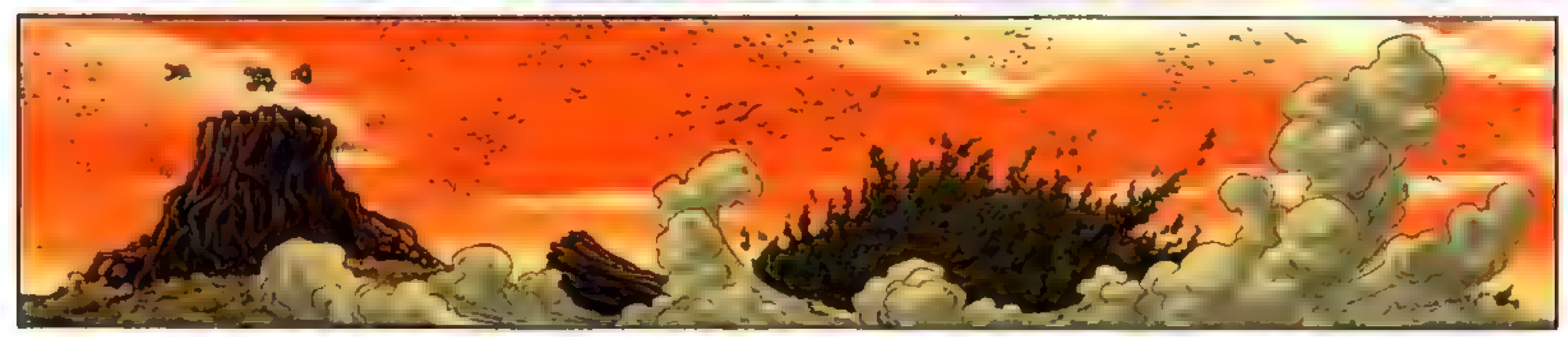

BOK!
...
BOK!
BOK!
BOK!

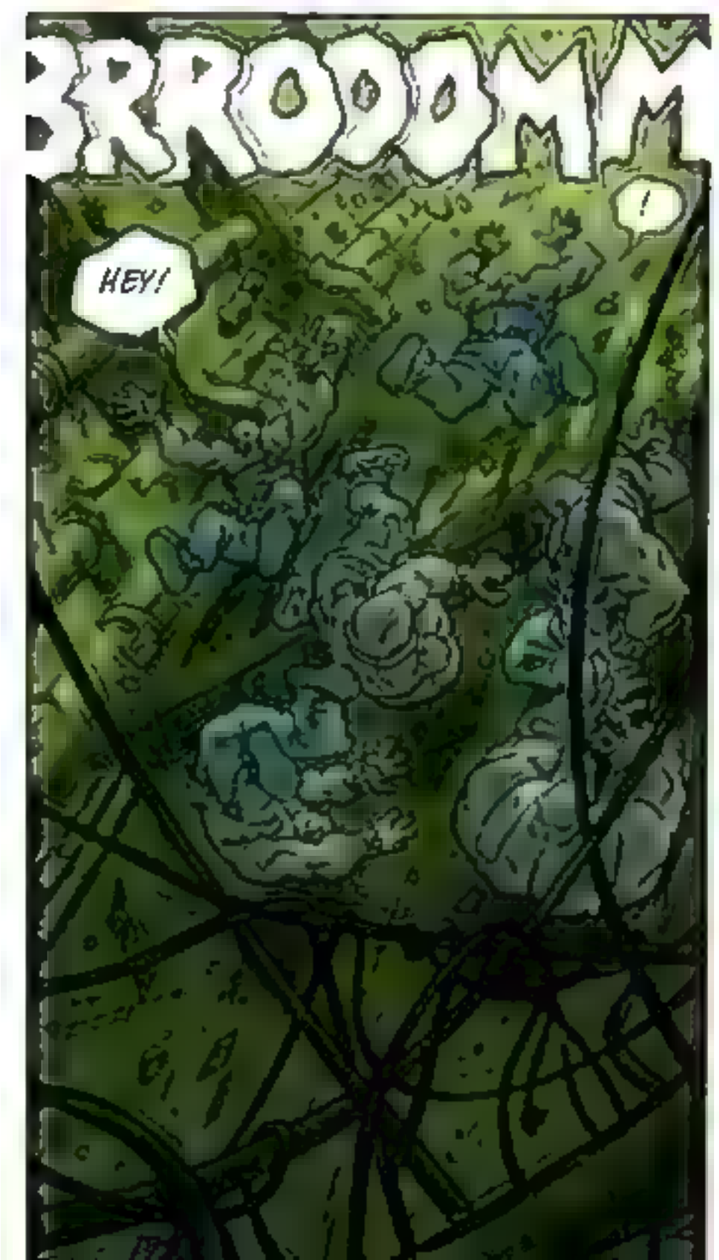

ANGLE CALCULATED. LASERS INITIALIZED

READY FOR CUTTING?
AFFIRMATIVE
ENGAGE!

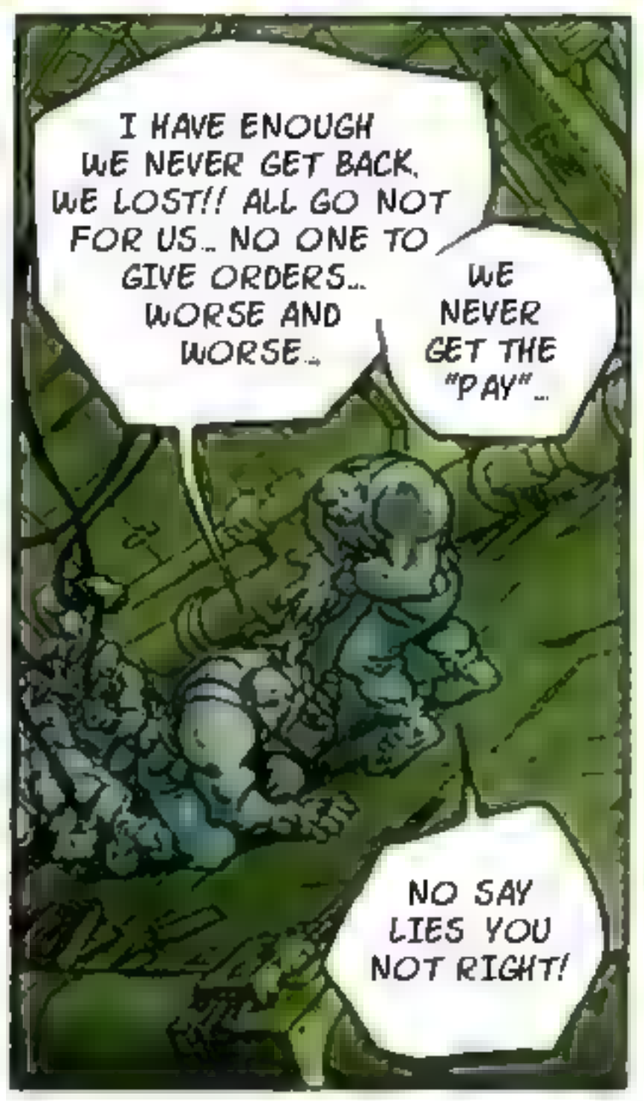




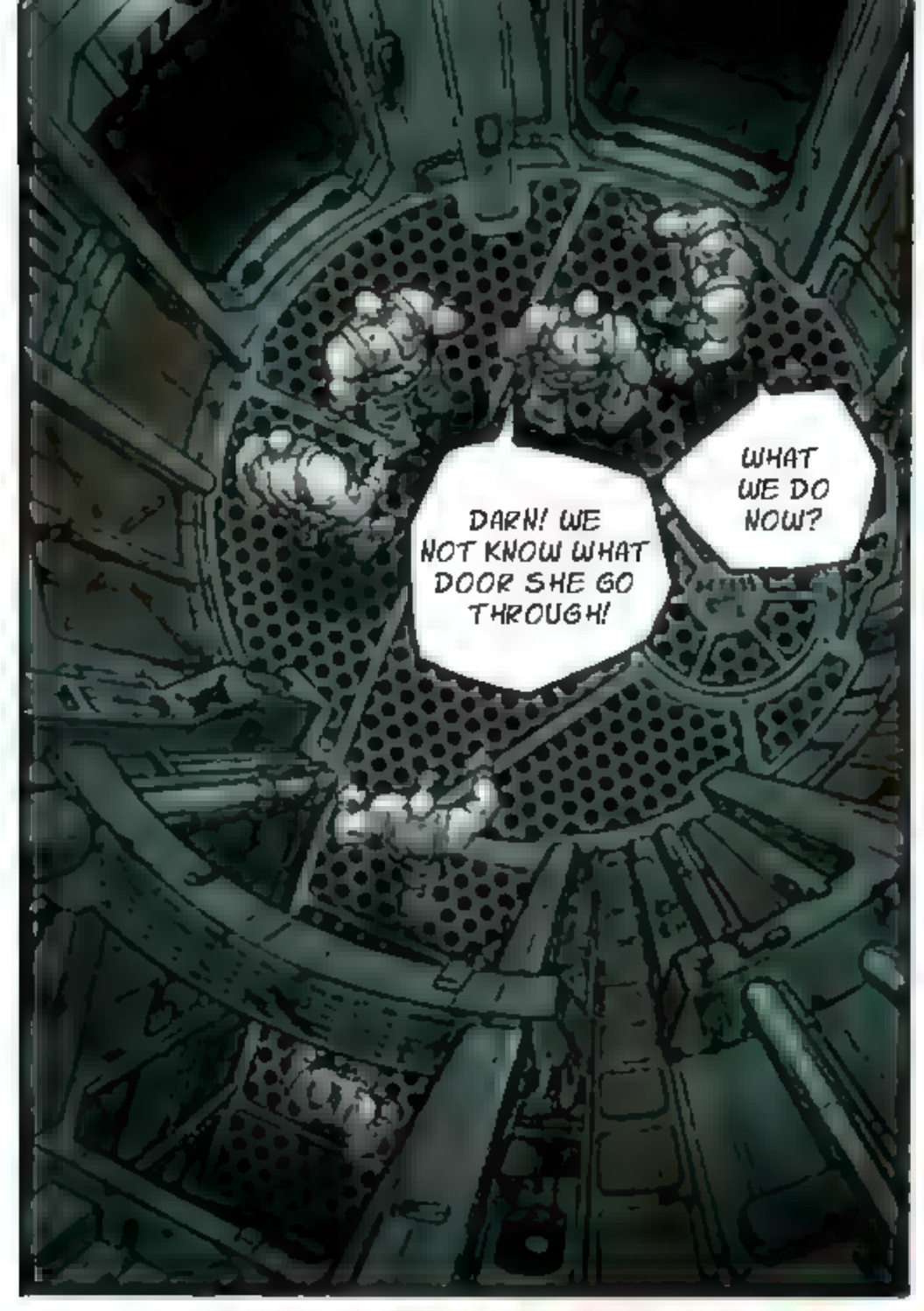


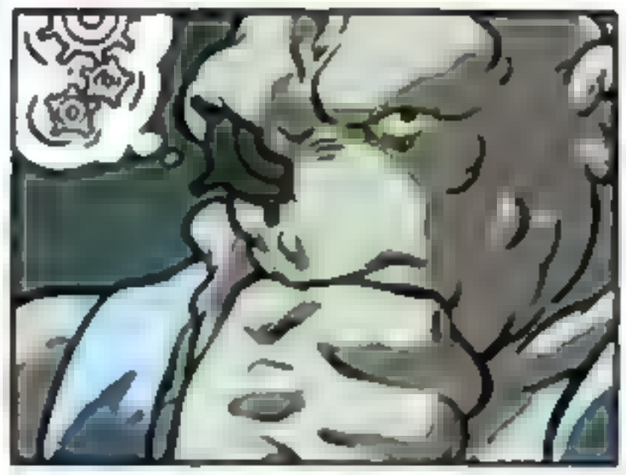

BRRODDMM
HEY!

WHAT WAS THAT? A GROUND-QUAKE?!


I HAVE ENOUGH WE NEVER GET BACK. WE LOST!! ALL GO NOT FOR US.. NO ONE TO GIVE ORDERS... WORSE AND WORSE...
WE NEVER GET THE "PAY"...
NO SAY LIES YOU NOT RIGHT!

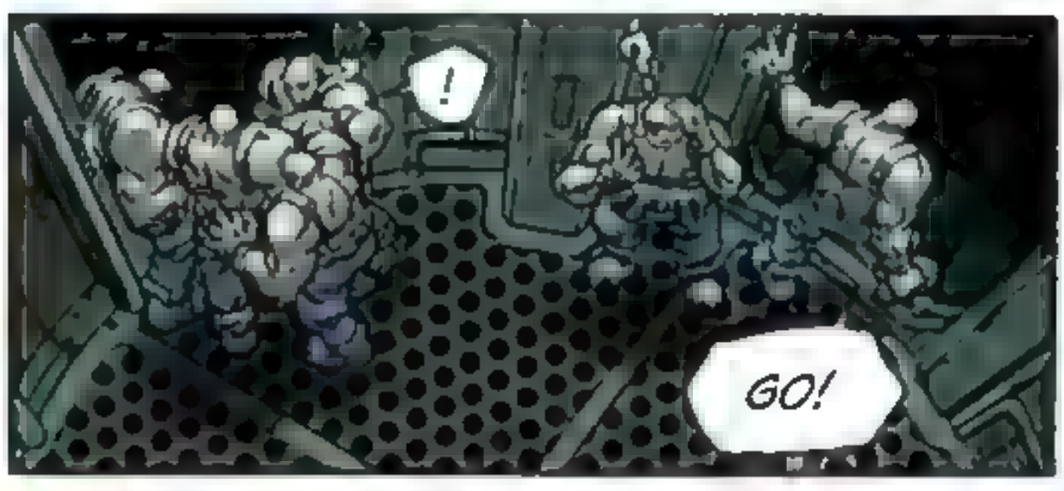
YOU WILL SEE THEY NOT FORGET US.. WE GET THE "PAY"!..
HEY, DUMMIES! I'M HERE...
THERE... IT'S HER!!


DARN! WE NOT KNOW WHAT DOOR SHE GO THROUGH!
WHAT WE DO NOW?



WE MAKE TWO GROUPS SAME SIZE.. WE SEARCH MUCH MORE BETTER THAT WAY!

WOAHH_
NOT BAD!
NOT BE STAND HERE!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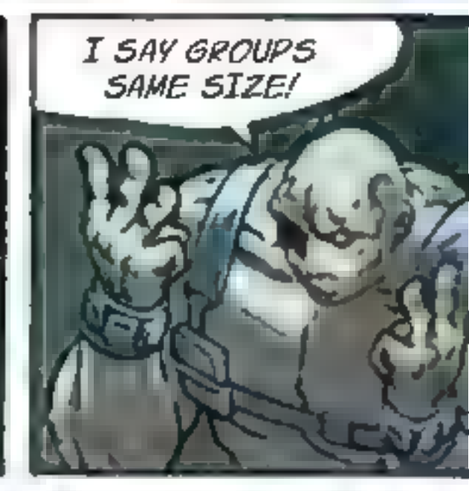
GO!


I SAY GROUPS SAME SIZE!

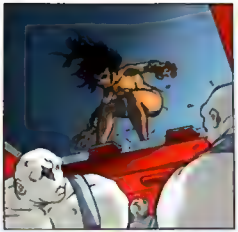
WE NOT SEE MUCH..
ME NOT SEE YOU!

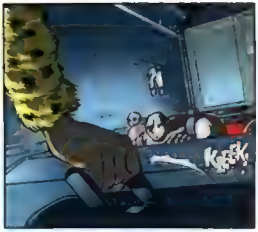
LOOK!!

CHASE HER!

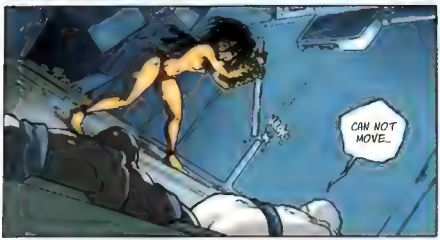
DEAD END!

TUMP!




KREEK

TUMP!
HUMPF!
ARGH!
OUCH!


CAN NOT MOVE...

FOR HOUYO!
BAF

RRAAAH !!
WACK.

?!
DON'T KILL THEM, MAVIS! THIS VENGEANCE GAINS YOU NOTHING

MUCH AS YOU WANT TO, THEY DID NOT KILL YOUR ANIMAL MAJESTIC DID THAT THEY DO NOT DESERVE TO BE EXECUTED.

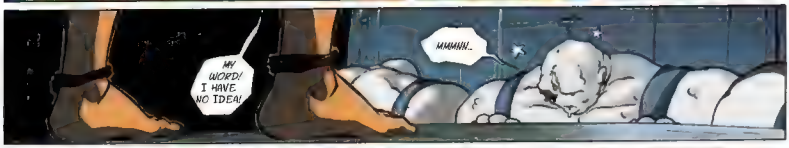
AAAH! WHAT ARE YOU?! GET OUT OF ME!!!
THE WATCHER! HE IS THERE!

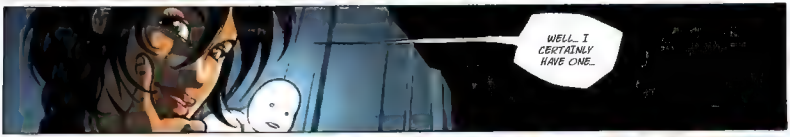
FOR THE MOMENT, I HAVE COME OUT OF YOUR BODY I AM USING IT TO REGENERATE, BUT DON'T WORRY IT WILL NOT HARM YOU I CAN EVEN HELP YOU!
I REMEMBER! IT WAS YOU IN THE SHELL THAT EXPLODED!! I EVEN SAW YOU IN A DREAM! YOU LOOK LIKE A FAT FUNNY LITTLE WORM.. BUT, YOU TALK! WHAT KIND OF BEAST ARE YOU?
A GUARDIAN, BUT ON WAKE, THEY CALL US WATCHERS
WAKE? WHAT'S THAT?
HMM.. IT'S A GIGANTIC INTERSTELLAR CONVOY. IT HAS THOUSANDS OF VESSELS PEOPLED BY MANY DIFFERENT BEINGS LAUNCHED IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE, AND RICHES... AS FAR AS I KNOW...
AH, WELL... DESPITE ALL OF THAT, THEY HAVE NEVER YET ENCOUNTERED A BEING LIKE YOU...
... NONE OF THEM CAN READ THOUGHTS, THAT IS MY POWER WAKE TAKES US TO NEW PLANETS, WHERE WE LOOK FOR INTELLIGENT LIFE..
WE CONFERRED, AND NOT HAVING DETECTED YOUR PRESENCE, WE GAVE YOUR STAR TO WADJESTIC HEILIG. HE IS A HOTTARD, A RACE WHICH IS DYING IN THE CONVOY DUE TO A LACK OF VITAL SPACE.
THANKS TO HIS SHUTTLE, HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING YOUR PLANET CLOSER TO IT'S STAR. IN FACT, HIS PEOPLE NEED MUCH HIGHER AMBIENT TEMPERATURES THAN ARE ACTUALLY HERE TO SURVIVE
NORMALLY, THEY WOULD HAVE STOPPED AS SOON AS HE HAD THOUGHT OF THIS, BUT HE HAS HIDDEN IT FROM THE AUTHORITIES WELL! THIS IS SERIOUS!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR STORY, EXCEPT THAT YOUR HOTTARD HAS TAKEN IT ON HIMSELF TO DECIDE THE FATE OF ALL LIVING THINGS HERE!
IF THE TEMPERATURE GETS ANY HOTTER, EVERYTHING HERE WILL BURN! LIKE WHEN THE RAIN DOESN'T FALL FOR A LONG TIME!
I CAN'T LET THAT HUNTER CHANGE THE NATURE HERE! I HAVE TO STOP HIM!
BY FORCE WE ATTAIN NOTHING! WAIT, MOVE A LITTLE CLOSER TO THAT DARK SMOOTH PLAQUE.
I HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS TECHNOLOGY BEFORE, BUT IF YOU PRESS THAT BUTTON THERE..
THIS ONE?

LEVEL 9
A.056
C.43
A.34
P.76
P.15
A.46
A SCREEN, I KNEW IT! GOOD, AMONG THESE ICONS IS ONE THAT WILL PUT ME ON THE RIGHT PATH.
THE CIRCLE AND TRIANGLE.. A PARABOLA! IT HAS TO BE THE RADIO ROOM

APPARENTLY, WE ARE HERE. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET THERE?
WELL.. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL THESE LINES AND COLORS MEAN, SO...

BAH! I HAVE AN EXCELLENT MEMORY! LET'S GO NOW
AND THESE THREE DUMMIES? WHAT DO WE DO WITH THEM?

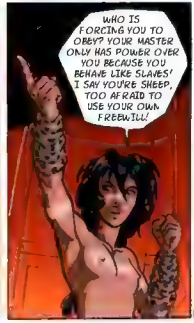

MY WORD! I HAVE NO IDEA!
MMMMM...


WELL.. I CERTAINLY HAVE ONE..

UNGH!
OUCH!
ARGH!

YOU ARE FREE! DO WHAT YOU WANT

SO WE BE TAKE YOU BACK TO MADJESTIC NOW?
TO GET THERE, YOU MUST STOP HITTING US!
TAKE ME PRISONER.. WHY?
THAT BE OUR ORDER


WHO IS FORCING YOU TO OBEY? YOUR MASTER ONLY HAS POWER OVER YOU BECAUSE YOU BEHAVE LIKE SLAVES! I SAY YOU'RE SHEEP, TOO AFRAID TO USE YOUR OWN FREEWILL!

WHAT YOU SAY SEEM TO BE RIGHT, BUT IT BE STRANGE TO US

SO, LISTEN CLOSELY... YOUR SCARS AND WOUNDS, DO YOU REMEMBER HOW YOU GOT THEM?
I'M NOT STUPID.. IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO
PERFECT SO, DO YOU SEE ANY LIKE YOU HAVE ON ANY OF YOUR COMPANIONS?

WELL... NO
EXACTLY! YOU MADE CHOICES THAT THEY DIDN'T... SO, YOU ARE UNIQUE. YOU ARE NOT THEM, AND THEY AREN'T YOU!
NOTHING IS FORCING YOU TO DO WHAT YOU DON'T WANT TO DO! YOU HAVE FREEWILL DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

TO TELL YOU APART, I'M GOING TO PUT SYMBOLS ON YOUR FOREHEADS AND GIVE YOU NAMES

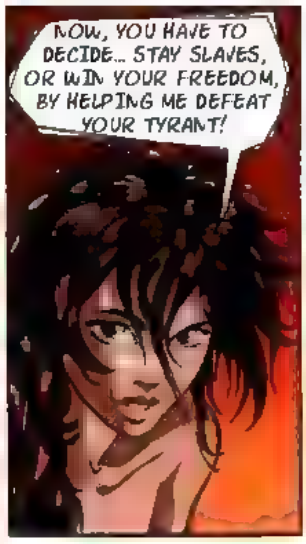
YOU, I WILL NAME LEAF

AND YOU, STONE!

IF YOU LOOK IN THE WATER YOU'LL SEE, YOU ARE DIFFERENT NOW

SHE BE SAY IT RIGHT.. LOOK!
MINE BE BETTER THAN YOURS BE!

HEY! ME TOO, I WANT ONE!
YOU DON'T NEED ONE! WITH YOUR SCARS, YOU'RE EASY TO RECOGNIZE.. YOU ARE BOBO


NOW, YOU HAVE TO DECIDE... STAY SLAVES, OR WIN YOUR FREEDOM, BY HELPING ME DEFEAT YOUR TYRANT!

BOBO WILL FOLLOW YOU!
STONE BE GO TOO..
IF THEY BE GO, LEAF GO TOO..
GOOD! YOUR MUSCLES WILL BE USEFULL!

I'VE NEER TRIED TO SETTLE AN ARGUMENT THAT WAY BEFORE, BUT IT'S REALLY EFFECTIVE!
HMM
AND, IT'S AT LEAST AS MUCH FUN AS HUNTING A CRUNCHER! I'M TINGLING ALL OVER!
YOU TRULY ARE A VERY STRANGE CREATURE..

BRRR.. I USUALLY NEVER COME IN THIS PLACE.
THERE ARE MANY BEINGS IN HERE WHO LOOK LIKE ME, EXCEPT THEY ARE ALL DEAD! EVEN WHEN I WAS VERY HUNGRY, IF I THOUGHT ABOUT THEM WHEN I ATE, I'D VOMIT!

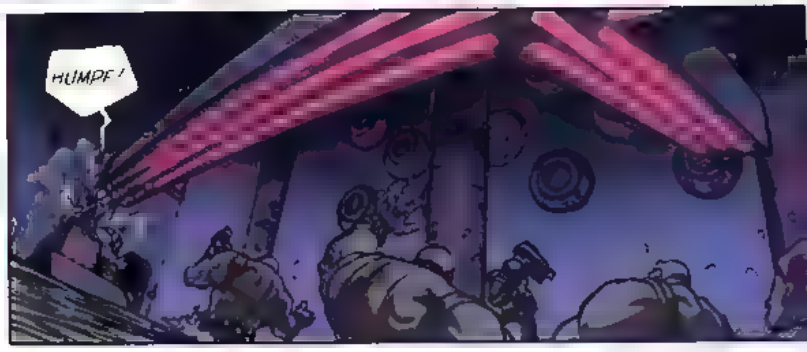
OH, SOME ROBOTS!
THEY ALL GROUPED THEM THEMSELVES IN HERE WHEN I WAS LITTLE ONE OF THEM EVEN TOOK CARE OF ME

BUT.. LIKE THESE ONES, HE HASN'T MOVED IN A LONG TIME...
POUK-RAM!

THERE! AIM CAREFULLY!
TO THE DOOR! QUICK!

GO ON!! I WILL STOP THEM!

UNNNH!
KRR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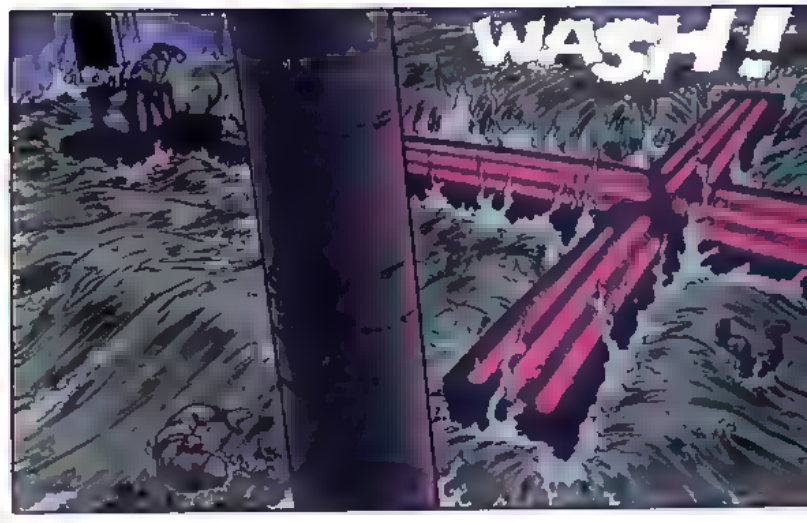

WASH!

YOU NO HAVE THE RIGHT TO KILL! I BE STOP YOU!

MADJESTIC BE GIVE US NEW ORDERS HE WANT SOMEONE TO BE BRING HIM IT'S BODY SO HE BE KNOW THAT IT BE DEAD

IMPOSSIBLE! SHE BE INTELLEGENT! IT NOT BE IN OUR NATURE TO BE KILLING.

IF WHAT YOU SAY BE TRUE , IT BE ANNOYING! BECAUSE, WE CAN NOT BE GO AGAINST MADJESTIC'S ORDERS!

WHAT IS THAT YOU BE HAVE ON YOUR FOREHEAD?

I BE EXPLAIN IT TO YOU..

THE ETERNAL BATTLE BETWEEN PASSION AND REASON

LOGIC AGAINST FEELINGS DESTINY AGAINST CHAOS I'VE WON SAVED YOU MAYBE LOST

BEEP

A MESSAGE FROM THE FORWARD POST

WHERE ARE WE?

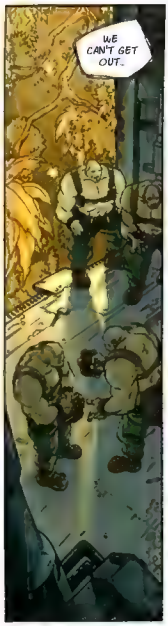
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE LASER IS IN PLACE MADJESTIC. SOME MIGROLEMS HAVE GONE DOWN INTO THE SHIP, AND WILL DESTROY ANYONE, OR THING THAT THEY FIND IN THERE

AN'T FOR M SHAT ANY C THEN

JUST ONE THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MY CALL. FOR SEVERAL MICRO CYCLES A SIGNAL ESCAPED FROM THE SHIP IN TO SPACE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WAS IN THE MESSAGE. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO INTERCEPT, JAM, OR DECODE IT, DUE TO THE EMISSION'S ALIEN TECHNOLOGY

DO YOU THINK WE CAN DECODE IT OR EVEN RECEIVE IT?

IMPOSSIBLE TO ANSWER THAT, MADJESTIC. WE'VE BEEN HAVING TROUBLE LOCATING IT, SO...
WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND?
YOU'RE GOING TO TELL YOUR CREW TO PUSH THE SHUTTLE TO IT'S LIMITS! NOW!
THAT IS VERY RISKY! IT COULD OVERHEAT AND EXPLODE! RESPECTFULLY, THAT ISN'T REASONABLE
YOU CARRY THEM OUT
FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS! IMMEDIATELY!
RHAHHH!
OUF... NO ONE BE FOLLOW US!
SAY, BOBO YOU BE THINK THIS BE RIGHT?
THERE BE NO WAY TO KNOW, LEAF. IT BE INSTINCT...
THERE! OUR S O S IS SENT! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I SAID... I JUST COPIED THE TEXT HERE
EMERGENCY
I HOPE WAKE CAN CAPTURE AND DECODE THIS THEY HAVE TO RESCUE US...
...OR ELSE, YOUR PLANET IS LOST, AND US WITH IT...
ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WAIT AND HOPE
I'M NOT GOING TO SIT HERE ON MY HANDS WHILE MY ENEMY BURNS THE SURFACE!
I AM GOING TO FIGHT HIM, FACE TO FACE!
COME NOW, YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF GETTING TO THE SHUTTLE. THE MIGROLEMS ARE PROWLING THE SHIP APPARENTLY, WITH ORDERS TO KILL YOU ON SIGHT. YOU WOULD NOT GET A CHANCE TO CONVINCE THEM BEFORE THEY KILLED YOU!
AT LEAST, I'LL BE DOING SOMETHING! TO THE SURFACE!
CHARGE!
GOOD...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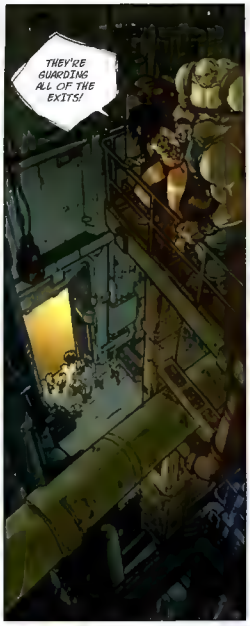
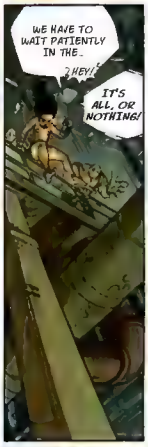
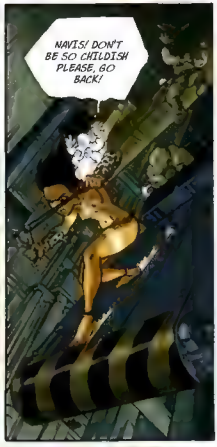
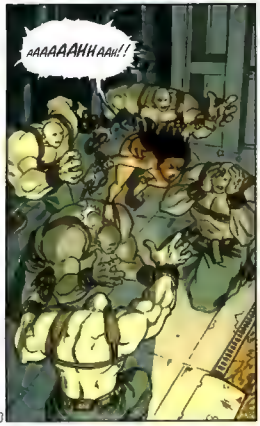

THEY'RE GUARDING ALL OF THE EXITS!

WHAT DID I TELL YOU? LISTEN TO REASON. WE CAN'T GET OUT!


WE HAVE TO WAIT PATIENTLY IN THE...
HEY!
IT'S ALL, OR NOTHING!


NAVIS! DON'T BE SO CHILDISH PLEASE GO BACK!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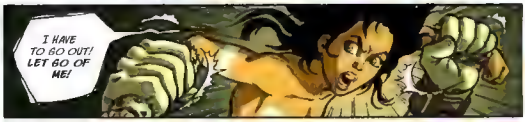
I HAVE TO GO OUT! LET GO OF ME!

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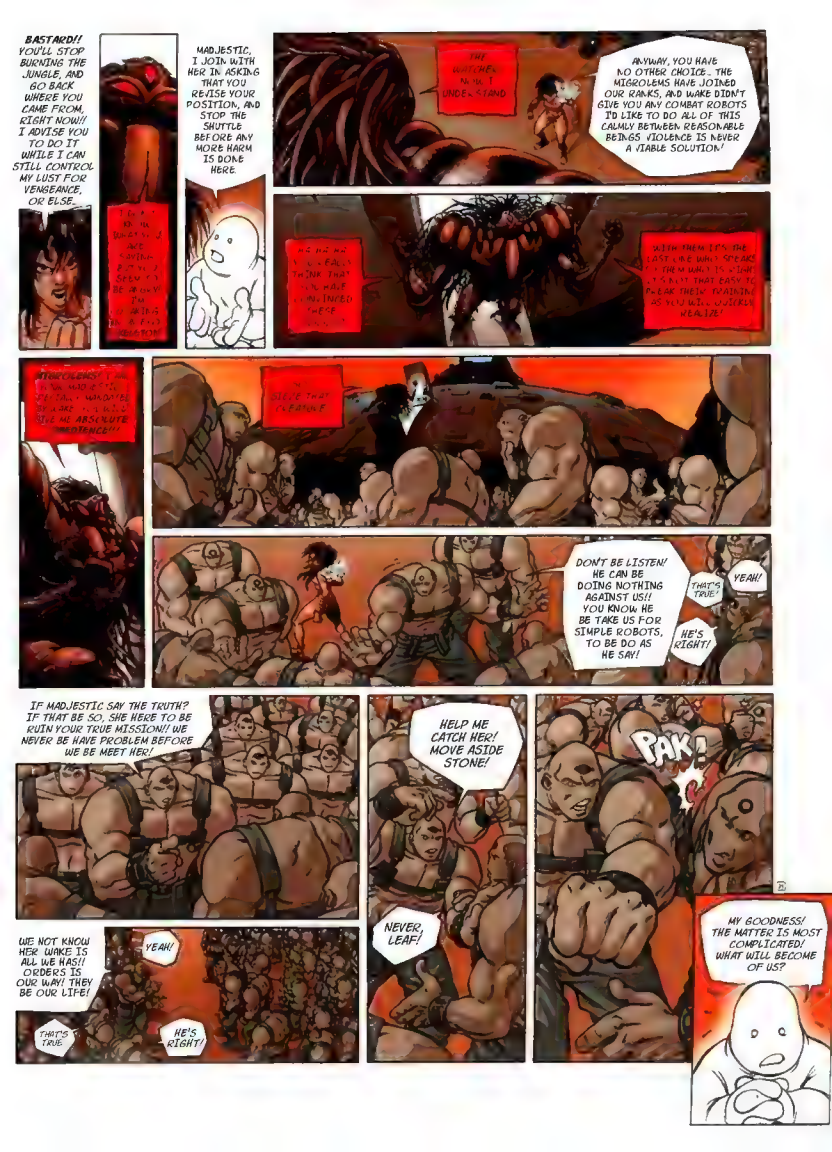
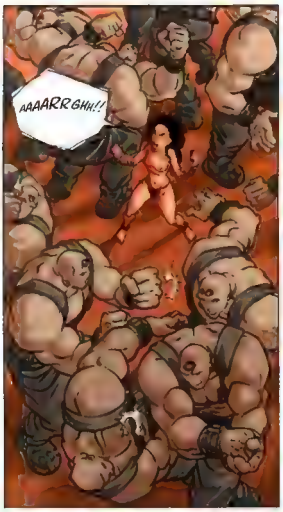
IT'S OUR LEADER!
LONG LIVE THE LEADER!
HOORAY

WHA... WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
THIS CLOSE TO THEM, I CAN READ THEIR THOUGHTS IT'S WHAT THEY CALL THE SNOW BALL EFFECT

SO, I BE TOLD THEM WHAT YOU BE TEACH US... FREEDOM, AND ALL THAT..
...AND, THEY ALL BE LIKING IT!
NICE!
SUPER!
GREAT!
!!
YES!
THE ROBOTS BE WARMED MAJJESTIC OF WHAT WE BE DO WE BE BROKE THEIR HEADS A LITTLE BIT!
MY BROTHERS BE WAITING FOR A THING THAT BE FROM YOU...
OH, AND WHAT'S THAT?...
A PLAN!!
A PLAN!!
A PLAN!!
HEY! I DON'T HAVE THE TIME RIGHT NOW, SORRY! ANYWAY, YOU CAN DO THINGS FOR YOURSELVES NOW!
SHE BE RIGHT, HUN?
WELL, YEAH!
LONG LIVE THE LEADER!
ONE LAST THING...
MY NAME IS NAVIS! N. A. V. I. S., NOT LEADER! HURRY UP! MARK YOUR FOREHEADS AND ARM YOURSELVES WE ARE LEAVING RIGHT AWAY!
LEAF, CAN YOU KEEP ON TELLING YOUR BROTHERS WHAT WE'VE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT, ALL THE TIME?
I NOT FAIL YOU, NAVIS!
AND YOU... YOU STILL DON'T WANT TO USE THAT LASER THING AGAINST THE SHUTTLE?
DON'T INSIST YOU KNOW THAT I WANT TO HELP YOU, BUT I REFUSE TO RUIN OR DESTROY WAKE'S PROPERTY!
WHEN WAKE SEES THE SHAPE THE MIGROLEMS LEFT THESE LASERS IN, THEY WILL BE BE UPSET WE HAVE TO MARCH!
WE NOT BE MARCHING... WE RUN!!!

SO, STONE?
NEWS THAT YOU COME SPREAD LIKE FIRE, NAVIS! IT BE EASY TO CONVINCE THEM!
YOU OUR LEADER! WE FOLLOW YOU!!


BASTARD!! YOU'LL STOP BURNING THE JUNGLE, AND GO BACK WHERE YOU CAME FROM, RIGHT NOW!! I ADVISE YOU TO DO IT WHILE I CAN STILL CONTROL MY LUST FOR VENGEANCE, OR ELSE.
MADJESTIC, I JOIN WITH HER IN ASKING THAT YOU REVISE YOUR POSITION, AND STOP THE SHUTTLE BEFORE ANY MORE HARM IS DONE HERE.
THE WATCHER NOW I UNDERSTAND
ANYWAY, YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.. THE MIRCOLEMS HAVE JOINED OUR RANKS, AND WAKE DIDN'T GIVE YOU ANY COMBAT ROBOTS I'D LIKE TO DO ALL OF THIS CALMLY BETWEEN REASONABLE BEINGS VIOLENCE IS NEVER A VIABLE SOLUTION!
WITH THEM IT'S THE LAST ONE WHO SPEAKS TO THEM WHO IS RIGHT. IT SEEMS THAT EASY TO PREAK THEIR MINDS AS YOU WILL QUICKLY REALIZE!
SILENCE THAT CREATURE
DON'T BE LISTEN! HE CAN BE DOING NOTHING AGAINST US!! YOU KNOW HE BE TAKE US FOR SIMPLE ROBOTS, TO BE DO AS HE SAY!
THAT'S TRUE!
YEAH!
HE'S RIGHT!
IF MADJESTIC SAY THE TRUTH? IF THAT BE SO, SHE HERE TO BE RUIN YOUR TRUE MISSION!! WE NEVER BE HAVE PROBLEM BEFORE WE BE MEET HER!
HELP ME CATCH HER! MOVE ASIDE STONE!
NEVER, LEAF!
PAK!
WE NOT KNOW HER WHKE IS ALL WE HAS! ORDERS IS OUR WAY! THEY BE OUR LIFE!
YEAH!
THAT'S TRUE
HE'S RIGHT!
MY GOODNESS! THE MATTER IS MOST COMPLICATED! WHAT WILL BECOME OF US?

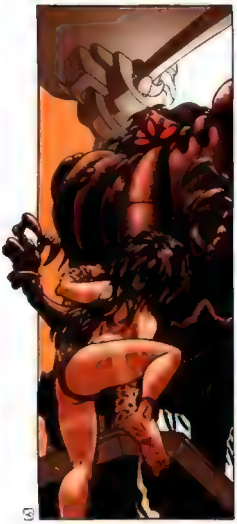

AAAARRGHH!!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

DON'T BE AN IDIOT!
PSHHHH

HE WILL KILL YOU...

...AND ME WITH YOU!



NICE BELIEVE... BUT IT WAS OUT OF DESPERATION.

WE WOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU
YOU REALLY ARE A LOT LIKE ME

KRRR

WHAT... MY ARMS... I CAN'T MOVE THEM!

RESCUERS FROM WAKE! THEY'VE SHORT CIRCUITED YOUR EXO-SKELETON!
WE'RE SAVED!

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?! THIS IS COMPLETE CHAOS!!

FORTUNATELY THE TECHNICIANS DECODED THE WATCHER'S MESSAGE IN TIME! I HAVE NEVER SEEN MIGROLEMS SHOW SUCH A TOTAL LACK OF DISCIPLINE

I CAN ONLY SEE ONE SOLUTION...

MIGROLEMS, YOU HAVE DONE GOOD WORK...

YOU HAVE ALL EARNED THE "PAY"!

THE "PAY"!!!

HMM!

GOOD, THAT'S ONE PROBLEM SOLVED...

H... HELP!

I... WE... HE'S KILLING US!

YOU BUCKET OF BOLTS! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? SAVE THE WATCHER AND THAT CREATURE!

YOU HAVE GIVEN NO ORDERS, COLONEL.

DO I HAVE TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING? DON'T BE A SMART ORIFICE!

EXCUSE ME...

WHAT NOW?!

A MIGROLEM, ALIVE?!? I THOUGHT THAT YOU...

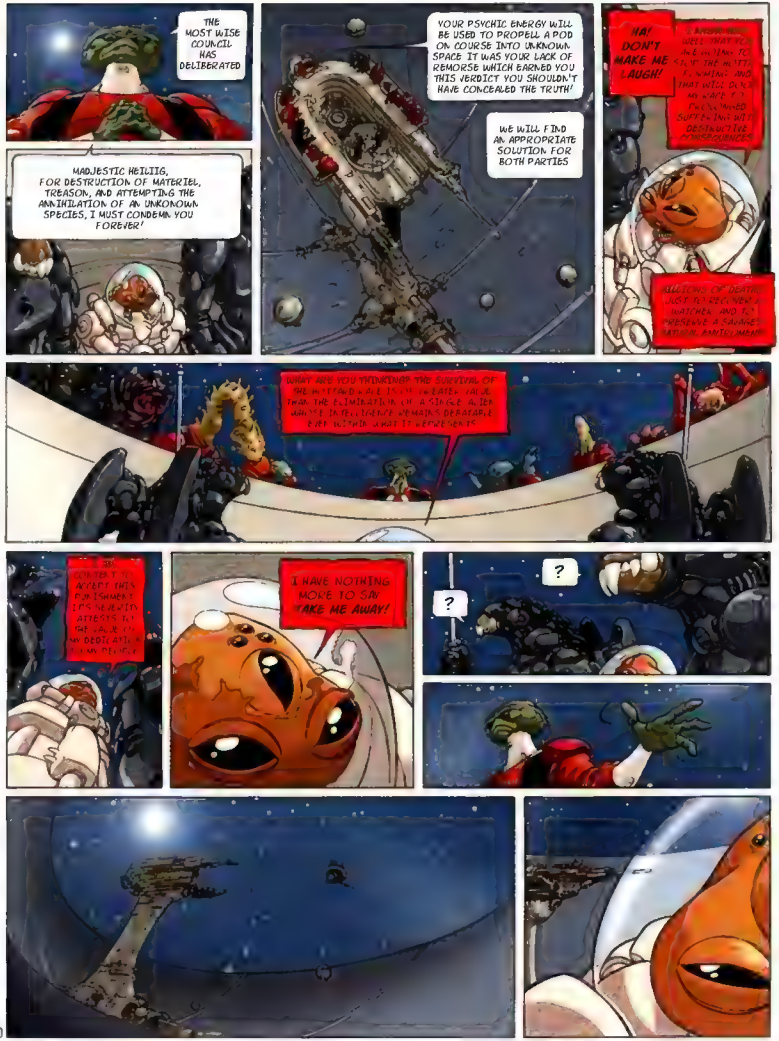
THERE BE ONE LITTLE THING I NOT KNOW... IT BE ABOUT THE WAY THE "PAY" IS PAID...

THE WATCHER AND THE CREATURE ARE UNCONSCIOUS, COLONEL.

FOR THE MOMENT... MAYBE THEY CAN TELL US WHAT HAPPENED HERE...

YES, THEN I SAY THAT...

LATER MEN... GET ABOARD, WE ARE LEAVING!


THE MOST WISE COUNCIL HAS DELIBERATED
MAJESTIC HEIIIG, FOR DESTRUCTION OF MATERIEL, TREASON, AND ATTEMPTING THE ANNIHILATION OF AN UNKONOWN SPECIES, I MUST CONDEMN YOU FOREVER!
YOUR PSYCHIC ENERGY WILL BE USED TO PROPELL A POD ON COURSE INTO UNKNOWN SPACE IT WAS YOUR LACK OF REMORSE WHICH EARNED YOU THIS VERDICT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE CONCEALED THE TRUTH!
WE WILL FIND AN APPROPRIATE SOLUTION FOR BOTH PARTIES
HA! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
WELL THAT YOU ARE KNOWN TO SEIZE THE MOTTO, KILLING, AND THAT WILL DO NO MORE TO PROPELL MEDED SUFFERINGS WITH DESTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERES
ALLEGING OF DEATH, LACK OF REGRET, WATCHER, AND TO PRESERVE A SAVAGE RACIAL MANTLE UNDER
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? THE SURVIVAL OF THE MOTHERLAND ARE IS IN ITS ENTIRETY, RATHER THAN THE EXTINCTION OF A SINGLE ALIEN WHOSE INFLUENCE REMAINS DEVASTATING EVEN WITHIN WHAT IT REPRESENTS
I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY TAKE ME AWAY!
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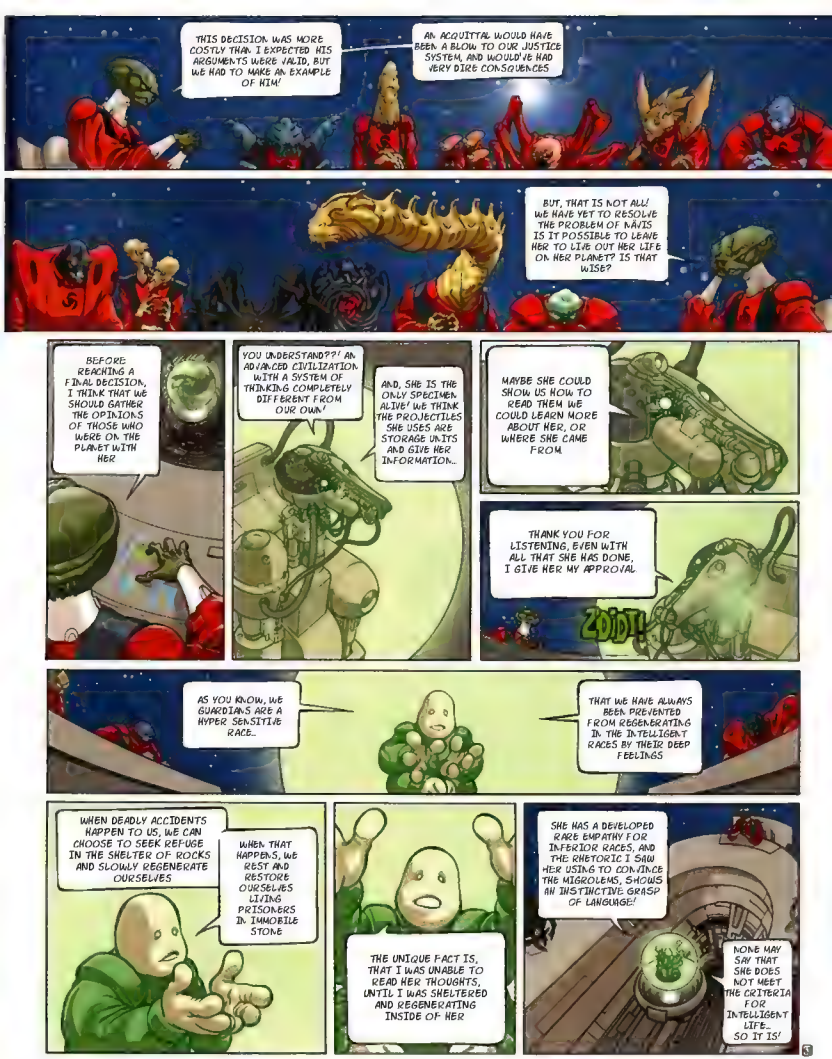

THIS DECISION WAS MORE COSTLY THAN I EXPECTED. HIS ARGUMENTS WERE VALID, BUT WE HAD TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF HIM!
AN ACQUITTAL WOULD HAVE BEEN A BLOW TO OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND WOULD'VE HAD VERY DIRE CONSEQUENCES
BUT, THAT IS NOT ALL! WE HAVE YET TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF NAVIS. IS IT POSSIBLE TO LEAVE HER TO LIVE OUT HER LIFE ON HER PLANET? IS THAT WISE?
BEFORE REACHING A FINAL DECISION, I THINK THAT WE SHOULD GATHER THE OPINIONS OF THOSE WHO WERE ON THE PLANET WITH HER
YOU UNDERSTAND??! AN ADVANCED CIVILIZATION WITH A SYSTEM OF THINKING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM OUR OWN!
AND, SHE IS THE ONLY SPECIMEN ALIVE! WE THINK THE PROJECTILES SHE USES ARE STORAGE UNITS AND GIVE HER INFORMATION...
MAYBE SHE COULD SHOW US HOW TO READ THEM. WE COULD LEARN MORE ABOUT HER, OR WHERE SHE CAME FROM.
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. EVEN WITH ALL THAT SHE HAS DONE, I GIVE HER MY APPROVAL
ZOIDT!
AS YOU KNOW, WE GUARDIANS ARE A HYPER SENSITIVE RACE...
THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PREVENTED FROM REGENERATING IN THE INTELLIGENT RACES BY THEIR DEEP FEELINGS
WHEN DEADLY ACCIDENTS HAPPEN TO US, WE CAN CHOOSE TO SEEK REFUGE IN THE SHELTER OF ROCKS AND SLOWLY REGENERATE OURSELVES.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, WE REST AND RESTORE OURSELVES LIVING PRISONERS IN IMMOBILE STONE
THE UNIQUE FACT IS, THAT I WAS UNABLE TO READ HER THOUGHTS, UNTIL I WAS SHELTERED AND REGENERATING INSIDE OF HER
SHE HAS A DEVELOPED RACE EMPATHY FOR INFERIOR RACES, AND THE RHETORIC I SAW HER USING TO CONVINCE THE WIGGOLENS, SHOWS AN INSTINCTIVE GRASP OF LANGUAGE!
NONE MAY SAY THAT SHE DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR INTELLIGENT LIFE... SO IT IS!

I DARE TO SAY, THAT WE ARE NOT IN THE PRESENCE OF AN ANIMAL, NOT EVEN A SMART ONE...

IT IS WELL KNOWN, WHEN A BEING DOES A SINGLE CONSIDERATE ACTION...

...NO ONE CAN DENY THAT SHE HAS A CONSCIENCE!!!

ZDIDT!

HAVING SEEN THEM BATTLE THE HOTTARD, I SWEAR, THEY HAVE A VIGOR, AGILITY AND DETERMINATION SELDOM FOUND IN ANY KNOWN RACE.

YOU CAN TRUST MY EXPERIENCE AS AN OLD SOLDIER. THE DEEPNESS OF THEIR SPIRIT WOULD DEMORALIZE ANY ENEMY SOLDIERS!

WITH A LITTLE TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE, WE COULD MAKE AN INVINCIBLE ARMY. ON THE OTHER HAND, CAN WE PLACE THE MIGROLEMS IN THAT POSITION...

AS AN EXAMPLE, I HAVE BROUGHT YOU ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING OF THEM.

ZDIDT!

IT'S TRUE, WHEN THE COLONEL ARRIVED WE WERE CLEARLY ASSISTING IN THE OPPOSITION OF TWO GROUPS WITH VERY DIVERGENT THEORIES. WE DO NOT DENY THAT!

WHICH MEANS, THAT AS FOR OUR ORDERS, IF ONE SET WAS RIGHT, THE OTHER SET HAD TO BE WRONG! ARE WE AGREED?

THEREIN LIES THE PROBLEM!

ABOVE ALL THE RIGHT TO THE "PAY", WHICH IS CONTRARY TO ALL ELEMENTAL LOGIC. WHY IS THIS SO? I'M POSING THIS QUESTION TO YOU...

GOOD. THEN, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THIS FEMALE?

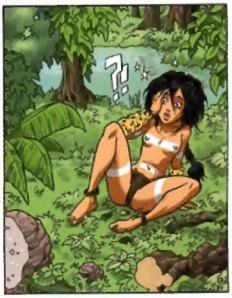
DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY OPINIONS?

AT LEAST THAT'S... WELL, OF COURSE, THE BRANCH BROKE AND I FELL. I WAS KNOCKED OUT... IT WAS NOTHING BUT A NIGHTMARE!

BUT, THEN HOUYO?!! SHE'S STILL ALIVE!!

HOUYO!!
OVER HERE, MY BEAUTY! IT'S ME, NAV...

STUMPY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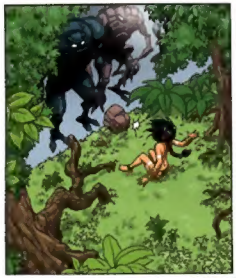

NOOOO !!!

PSHIIIIII...

WAKE

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